

Missouri River

Missouri National Recreational River



Canoeing Accessories

What you need for a day trip:

Paddles
Spare Paddle
Bailing bucket and/or sponge*
Life Jacket for each person* (See other side)
Whistle or other audible signal device*
Throw bag or
Throwable floatation device#
Litter bag

Dry bag containing:

River map
First aid kit
Lunch or snacks
Sunblock
Insect Repellent
Change of clothing
Optional: Hand sanitizer, flashlight & batteries,
multi-purpose tool, duct tape, towel, cell phone



* required by SD, NE, and/or federal regulations

required by federal regulation for vessels 16 ft and over

All items except the paddles in use should be secured to the seats or thwarts to prevent their being lost in the event of a capsizing.

Bow and stern ropes should be coiled and strapped to the fore and aft decks. Ropes should not be left trailing in the water or loose in the boat, nor should they be tied to seats or thwarts. Either way they could trap an arm or leg in case of a capsizing.

For more information on canoeing the Missouri National Recreational River: www.nps.gov/mnrr .

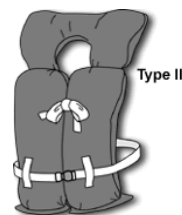
More recommendations for equipment and safety are available at www.americancanoe.org.

Life Jackets – Wear ‘em!

Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs) are required for all occupants of any vessel and must be **WORN** by children under 13 per state laws and the Code of Federal Regulations (below). It is strongly recommended that **ALL** canoers wear them at all times on or around the water.

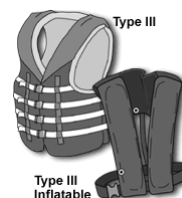
TYPE II: Near-Shore Vests

These vests are good for calm waters when quick assistance or rescue is likely. Type II vests will turn some unconscious wearers face up in the water, but the turning is not as pronounced as with a Type I.



TYPE III: Flotation Aids

These vests or full-sleeved jackets are good for calm waters when quick assistance or rescue is likely. They are not recommended for rough waters since they will not turn most unconscious persons face up. Type III PFDs are used for water sports such as water-skiing. Some Type III PFDs are designed to inflate when you enter the water.



TYPE V: Special-Use Devices

These vests, deck suits, hybrid PFDs, and others are designed for specific activities such as windsurfing, kayaking, or water-skiing. Some Type V PFDs are designed to inflate when you enter the water. **To be acceptable, Type V PFDs must be worn and used in accordance with their label.**



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CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS - TITLE 33--NAVIGATION AND NAVIGABLE WATERS

CHAPTER I--COAST GUARD, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

PART 175_EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS--Table of Contents

Subpart B_Personal Flotation Devices

Sec. 175.15 Personal flotation devices required.

Except as provided in Sec. 175.17 and 175.25:

(a) No person may **use** a recreational vessel unless at least one PFD of the following types is on board for each person:

- (1) Type I PFD;
- (2) Type II PFD; or
- (3) Type III PFD.

(b) No person may **use** a recreational vessel 16 feet or more in length unless one Type IV PFD is on board in addition to the total number of PFDs required in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) No person may operate a recreational vessel under way with any child under 13 years old aboard unless each such child is either--

- (1) Wearing an appropriate PFD approved by the Coast Guard; or
- (2) Below decks or in an enclosed cabin.

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